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COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3299

A bill to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyances involving Roosevelt National Forest, Colorado, to correct the effects of an erroneous land survey that resulted in approximately seven acres of the Crystal Lakes Subdivision, Ninth Filing, encroaching on National Forest System land

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Natural Resources
on July 16, 2008*

H.R. 3299 would require the Secretary of Agriculture to adjust the boundary of the Roosevelt National Forest to convey approximately seven acres of Forest Service land to private property owners adjacent to the forest. The land would be conveyed for no consideration. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO expects that implementing the legislation would cost less than \$500,000.

According to the Forest Service, the agency plans to sell the seven acres of land to the private landholders adjacent to the forest. Under current law, funds received from that sale (classified as offsetting receipts) would revert to the general fund of the Treasury, where they could not be spent without an appropriation. Conveying the land for no consideration would result in a loss of those offsetting receipts, thereby increasing net direct spending by an estimated \$200,000.

H.R. 3299 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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